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EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR NURSES, WITH OTHER ADDRESSES ON NURSING SUBJECTS. By Isabel Hampton Robb. E. C. Koeckert, 715 Rose Building, Cleveland.

This volume, appearing as it does after the death of the author, commands a melancholy interest for all Mrs. Robb's friends. The matter is not new; in a prefatory note the fact is stated that "in response to many requests" she has "brought together in book form several of the articles written on nursing subjects, with particular reference to those dealing with the three years' course of training." The papers cover a period of thirteen years and number fifteen; they were given by Mrs. Robb on various occasions, beginning with the International Congress of Charities, Correction and Philanthropy, held in Chicago during the World's Fair of 1893.

One notes with wonder how unchanged in a world of swift-moving changes, Mrs. Robb's teaching rests. Her methods have not been superseded; indeed, while many have joined her in theory, there are but few schools that have come up to the minimum which she regarded as imperative. Away back in 1893, which is a remote date when one regards the nursing system as a whole, she made her plea for the three years' course with an eight-hour day. All right thinking people agree that this is a most reasonable demand; but how many hospital boards or training school boards have adopted the standard? That it will arrive, no one can doubt; for Mrs. Robb prophesied unerringly; her plans matured without mishap, and, "No work begun shall ever pause for death." So, whether it be the three years' course, preliminary training, or whichever of the reform measures Mrs. Robb set going, one feels confident of their eventual working out.

MESSAGE MOVEMENTS, Including the Nauheim Exercises. Price, 1 shilling. The Scientific Press, Ltd., 28-29 Southampton St., Strand, London.

This is a little booklet of tiny proportions but purporting to carry between its small covers of limp blue linen the essentials of the practice of massage, the Nauheim exercises, and a brief review of anatomy, in so